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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Docket No.: 2503-A

Cindy A. Jacobs and Craig A. Smith

Serial No.: 08/385,229

Art Unit: 1806

Filing Date: February 8, 1995

Examiner: Nisbet, T.

For: METHOD OF TREATING TNF-DEPENDENT INFLAMMATION  
USING TUMOR NECROSIS FACTOR ANTAGONISTS

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

Claim 1, lines 3 and 4, delete "a TNF binding protein".

**REMARKS**

Please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the amendments and the following remarks. The remarks are in response to the Final Office Action dated June 21, 1995 ("Final Action"). Claims 1-9 are pending. Claim 1 is amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Claim 7 was withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Applicants claim a method for treating TNF-mediated inflammatory diseases which comprises administering to a mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a TNF antagonist selected from the group consisting of a TNF receptor, a TNF-binding protein and a chimeric antibody comprising a TNF receptor and the constant domain of an immunoglobulin molecule.

The instant application has been effectively pending for greater than two years on June 8, 1995, and applicants seek consideration under 37 CFR 1.129(a) on the merits of the instant Amendment. Therefore, accompanying this Amendment is a Request for Consideration After Final plus the fee of \$730.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(r). Such fee and Request allow consideration on the merits of the instant Amendment.